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To: Mabel E. Echols OMB\_Peer\_Review/OMB/EOP@EOP  
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Subject: Please withdraw the proposed changes to the peer review process!

Dear Mr. Bolten,

As a scientist and a citizen, I am alarmed by the proposed regulations regarding peer review. They seem to be driven not by any breakdown in the system, but by a political desire to pre-determine the outcome.

During all of my career as a practicing physicist in industry, the peer review process has been central to achieving correct scientific results. Unfortunately, it appears that the new regulations will 'stack the deck' for the review process in favor of those scientist most likely to benefit from the results. This is unacceptable.

My personal concern is with the issue of greenhouse gases, climate change and global warming. If the peer review process is dominated by scientists from the oil industry, we will likely never see valid conclusions from government agencies. This is a serious threat to our future well-being.

Please withdraw the proposal, and involve the scientific community in any future developments.

Sincerely,

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